



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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APPLICANTS: Y. Tom Tang et al.
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/728,422 EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned
FILING DATE: November 30, 2000 ART UNIT: 1646
FOR: Novel Nucleic Acids and Polypeptides

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the September 6, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before March 6, 2002. A check in the amount of \$720.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a), is enclosed herewith.

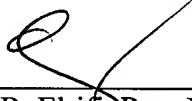
Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 21272-029CIP2F) (formerly 787CIP2F). A duplicate of this petition is enclosed.

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